



## **Bike Edina Task Force: News & Meeting Outcomes**

*January 9, 2013*

**Purpose:** The Bike Edina Task Force (BETF) meets to serve citizens and partner with City staff and elected officials to promote bicycle improvements in Edina for education, encouragement, infrastructure, enforcement, and ongoing assessment. We support implementation of the approved [City of Edina Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan](#) that serves all levels of bicyclists, connects key destinations including safe routes to schools, and integrates with the Twin Cities' regional bike network. Our **vision** is a progressive bicycle-friendly community where citizens can integrate cycling into their daily lives.

**Time & Location:** BETF monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at Edina City Hall. For questions contact Peter Kelley, Chair. Guests are welcome.

**Distribution:** BETF, guests, City Manager, City Engineer, Edina Police BETF Liaison Sgt. Timothy Olson, SHIP contact Robyn Wiesman, and Mayor & City Council. Also Dianne Plunkett Latham to post for the Edina Energy and Environment Commission and Ned Nelson of the Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee

- **Present:** Peter Kelley, Carl Follstad, Donald Eyeberg, Rob Erickson, Larry Olson, Lori Richman, Sally Dunn, Jennifer Janovy, Tom Randall.
- **Absent:** Alex Johnson, Marty Mathis, Alice Hulbert, Ellen Jones, Kirk Johnson, Brad Schaeppi,
- **Guests:** Nate Richman, Richard Juhnke, Ted Youel, Will Youel
- **Recorded by:** Peter Kelley

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- **Mt. Bike Users Group.** Richard Juhnke, Ted Youel, Will Youel attended the meeting as member of an Mountain Biking Group which started with summer. They explained their proposal to the Edina Park Board to build a series of Mountain Bike Trials in the undeveloped areas around Braemar. According to Ted, some members of Park Board are for the plan, but suggested a smaller set of trails only on the west side to address concerns from neighbors on the eastern side of the park. The group sees this as a long term plan and doesn't expect instant results, but is very committed to pushing it. Members of the BETF asked about the choice of Braemar, noting that it is a relatively small area and one

of the few natural areas in Edina, and were told that it was the only location in Edina that was viable. Donald Eyeberg suggested talking to 3Rivers Park district about the possibility of Bryant Lake Park in Eden Prairie. The group promised to keep the BETF updated on the project.

**2. Implementation of bike infrastructure** - Jennifer asked how people feel about how bike facilities have been executed in Edina. Are they satisfied, or do they feel there could be improvements and that BETF should advocate for those improvements? Following discussion, the group agreed that standards were important and that the BETF should try to assist the city in identifying, communicating and implementing appropriate standards in any way we can. Last month's presentation by the City of Minneapolis was seen as a step in the right direction.

**3. Wooddale Measurements** –Jennifer shared the following statistics provided by the Engineering department regarding the advisory bike lanes on Wooddale and on W. 54th.

55th & Wooddale:

Bike count, Thursday, August 16, 2012: 197 (approx. 21 hour video count--missing 12:30-3:30 p.m.)

Bike count, Wednesday, October 3, 2012: 107 (24 hour video count)

Ped count, August 16, 2012: 104

Ped count, October 3, 2012: 104

54th and Halifax:

Bike count, Saturday, August 18, 2012: 106 (21 hour video count--missing 1:00-4:00 p.m.)

Bike count, Monday, October 8, 2012: 16 (24 video count)

Ped count, August 16, 2012: 129

Ped count, October 8, 2012: 314